
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A TASK FORCE TO ASSESS THE SCOPE AND
FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A STATEWIDE SYSTEM OR PROTOCOL
IN WHICH ADVANCE CARE PLANNING FORMS CAN BE ACCESSED BY ALL
HEALTH FACILITIES.

1 WHEREAS, advance care planning forms such as a health care
2 power of attorney, provider's orders for life-sustaining
3 treatment, and advance health care directives are important
4 documents that ensure individual health care wishes are honored
5 by medical professionals; and

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7 WHEREAS, it is critical that advance care planning forms be
8 readily and quickly available to medical staff; and

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10 WHEREAS, medical care is not always provided by a patient's
11 established primary care provider due to emergency or unforeseen
12 circumstances; and

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14 WHEREAS, a statewide system or protocol for advance care
15 planning forms would allow all health facilities in the State to
16 have immediate access to patients' health care wishes; now,
17 therefore,

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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
20 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
21 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Director of
22 Health is requested to convene a task force to assess the scope
23 and feasibility of establishing a statewide system or protocol
24 in which advance care planning forms can be accessed by all
25 health facilities; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force focus on a
28 statewide system or protocol for documents including an
29 individual's health care power of attorney, provider's orders



1 for life-sustaining treatment, advance health care directives,
2 and any other form the Director of Health deems relevant; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health or the
5 Director's designee serve as the chairperson of the task force;
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Health or the
9 Director's designee choose the members of the task force;
10 provided that the members include or represent hospitals, health
11 care facilities, nursing homes, an attorney experienced in
12 hospital administration, the University of Hawaii Elder Law
13 Program, and any other entities the Director deems appropriate;
14 and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force submit a report
17 of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed
18 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
19 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2016; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be dissolved on
22 June 30, 2017; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health
26 and Director of the University of Hawaii Elder Law Program.

